



Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign 2011

Brain Injury Workgroup Minutes

Meeting #5

October 25, 2011, 10:00 am to 3:15 pm

Polk County River Place

2309 Euclid Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50310

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Attendance

Workgroup members: Megan Hartwig/Chair, Jack Hackett, Co-Chair, Mark Block, Tom Brown, Katrina Carter, Julie Fidler Dixon, Kay Graber, Rhonda Jordal, Lisa Langlitz, Geoffrey Lauer, Rep. Linda Miller, LeAnn Moskowitz

Absent: Michael Hall, Dave Johnson, Ben Woodworth

Facilitator: Teresa Hay McMahon

Staff: Lonnie Cleland, Julie Jones, Joanna Schroeder

Other Attendees:

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| • Jess Benson | Legislative Services Agency |
| • Kelly Espeland | IME |
| • Sandy Ferguson | Harmony House |
| • Tracy Keninger | Easter Seals |
| • Jenny Schulte | Advocacy Strategies |
| • Brad Trow | House Republican Staff |
| • Annie Uetz | Polk County Health Services |

Agenda

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed the group. Workgroup members introduced themselves. The public made introductions.

REDESIGN UPDATE

Joanna Schroeder from the Iowa Department of Human Services provided an update on the status of the entire redesign. She reported the following:

- Four of the six workgroups have submitted recommendations for the report draft.

- All workgroups have been addressing co-occurring disorders (to include brain injury) with the exception of the Regional group.
- Regional Workgroup
 - Regions will have at least 200,000 individuals—in rural areas it will take many counties to meet this population.
 - 2014 is the target for specific regions to be in place.
- The preliminary report with all workgroup recommendations is due on October 31st. It will be posted by November 1st at the latest. Workgroup members are encouraged to review the report and provide feedback to Megan, Teresa or Joanna.
- Final report is due December 9, 2011.
- There will be a final meeting with all workgroup members prior to December 9th. This meeting will give workgroups with a final chance to provide feedback.
- Most recommendations include incentives for making sure the patients and families receive needed services, the need for consistent performance measures and consistent costs.

Hartwig updated the workgroup on activities that members had been completing in the prior week, including drafting specific recommendation language to be discussed by the workgroup later in the meeting.

REVIEW POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The workgroup reviewed their draft recommendation report. Hackett brought three new recommendations to the group:

- Create a Neuro-resource Facilitator position with the State Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Extend the Iowa Coalition for Veterans Excellence project at the U of Iowa, to the Regents Universities and Community colleges. ICOV is a collaborative program with VA medical Center, University of Iowa, and other resources. Additionally assign a Neuro-resource Facilitator to the project.
- Mandate service coordination between DHS and DVRS for TBI cases to insure that Brain Injury survivors are provided with a path to employment.

The workgroup discussed the new recommendations and incorporated components of the first and third recommendation into the existing recommendations. It was decided the second new recommendation was not a natural fit for the MHDS redesign. It was suggested the Governor's Advisory Council on Brain Injuries discuss including the second new recommendation in the next State Plan for Brain Injury.

FINALIZE BEST PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The workgroup spent the remainder of the meeting editing the final recommendations for content and grammar. Final recommendations will be reflected in the final report to DHS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

NEXT STEPS

Workgroup members will be notified for the meeting to review the final report.

COORDINATION WITH OTHER WORKGROUPS

The efforts of this workgroup will have overlay with other workgroups as details of the redesign unfold.

MEETING SUMMARY

All handouts from the meeting will be posted on the DHS MHDS website.

<http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Partners/MHDSRedesign.html>

NEXT MEETINGS

TBD